

Appl. No. 10/799,195
Examiner: Wright, Ingrid D, Art Unit 2835
In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached four sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 7, 8 and 12-14. These sheets replace the original sheets for Figs. 7-8, 12, 13 and 14.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (4)

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 14, 20, 22, 23, 27-32, and 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma (U.S. Patent No. 6,191,940, hereinafter "Ma") in view of Burgess (U.S. Patent No. 487,469, hereinafter "Burgess"). Claims 16-19, 25, 33 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma in view of Burgess and in further view of Hubbard (U.S. 20020122291, hereinafter "Hubbard"). Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma in view of Burgess and in further view of Doczy et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,788,527, hereinafter "Doczy"). Claims 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma in view of Burgess and in further view of Hubbard and Doczy.

In this paper, claims 14 and 16-36 are canceled without prejudice. The rejections of claims 14 and 16-36 are therefore considered moot in light of the cancellation of said claims and are not addressed here. New claims 37-56 are added. In particular, new claim 37 recites that the distance between the first free end and the second free end is less than the opening size of the receiving portion when the first and second supporting elements rotate toward each other. New claim 50 recites that the first and second inclined surfaces stably contact a horizontal surface when the first and second supporting elements are disposed with the predetermined angle. New claim 55 recites that the hinge lower portion is wider than the hinge upper portion to accommodate the first and second rotating ends. Support for the new claims can be found in original Figs. 7, 8, 12, 13, and 14 of the application. The specification and figures are amended accordingly. In particular, Fig. 7 is amended to include element numerals 133a, 133b, 134a, 134b, 135a, and 135b. In amended Fig. 8, element numerals 135a, 135b, 141a, 141b, 141c, 142a, 142b, and 142c are added. In amended Fig. 12, element numerals 142a, 142b, and 142c are added. In amended Fig. 13, element numerals 135a, 135b, 141a, and 142a are added. In

amended Fig. 14, element numerals 135a, 135b, 141a, 141b, 141c, 142a, 142b, and 142c are added. Thus, on entry of this amendment, claims 37-56 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

New Claims 37-56

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). "All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art." *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970).

New claim 37 recites that the distance between the first free end and the second free end is greater than the opening size of the receiving portion when the first and second supporting elements rotate away from each other and the distance between the first free end and the second free end is less than the opening size of the receiving portion when the first and second supporting elements rotate toward each other. This feature is not found in Ma, Burgess, or the other applied references.

New claim 50 recites that the first free end and the second free end respectively have a first inclined surface and a second inclined surface and the first and second inclined surfaces stably contacts a horizontal surface when the first and second supporting elements are disposed with the predetermined angle. In Ma, Burgess, and the other applied references, there is no disclosure of a first inclined surface and a second inclined surface that can stably contact a horizontal surface.

New claim 55 recites a first protruded portion formed on the monitor and having a first lateral surface; a second protruded portion formed on the monitor and having a second lateral surface; a hinge body having a hinge upper portion and a hinge lower portion, and the hinge upper portion rotatably connected to the first and second lateral surfaces. These elements are not found in Ma, Burgess, and the other applied references. Moreover, new claim 55 further recites

that the hinge lower portion is wider than the hinge upper portion to accommodate the first and second rotating ends. However, none of Ma, Burgess, or the other applied references teaches a hinge lower portion wider than a hinge upper portion.

It is therefore Applicant's belief that even when taken in combination, the prior art references relied upon by the Examiner do not teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 37, 50 and 55. For at least this reason, a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be established in connection with these claims. Furthermore, as it is Applicant's belief that a *prima facie* case of obviousness is not established for claims 37, 50 and 55, the Examiner's arguments in regard to the dependent claims are considered moot and are not addressed here. Allowance of claims 37-56 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502447**.

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